Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the above-identified application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A charge calculation apparatus comprising:

first calculation means for calculating a <u>software</u> charge for <u>performing a predetermined process by</u> using application software, which is used to create and/or edit data by a user operation;

second calculation means for calculating a <u>device</u> charge for using an output device, which <u>receives and</u> outputs <u>via a network</u> the data created and/or edited by the application software; and

third calculation means for calculating ~~an output~~ <u>a total</u> charge <u>of a data output process</u> based on the ~~calculated~~ <u>respective</u> charges <u>calculated</u> by said first and second calculation means.

Claim 2 (Previously presented): The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the application software creates and/or edits document data.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the ~~external~~ <u>output</u> device comprises at least one of a printer, scanner, copying machine, server, facsimile apparatus, and external storage device.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A charge calculation apparatus comprising:

first calculation means for calculating a <u>device</u> charge for using a device for

inputting or outputting data<u>, wherein the device is used by a user via a network</u>;

second calculation means for calculating a <u>software</u> charge for using

application software <u>used</u> to use the device <u>via the network</u>; and

third calculation means for calculating a data processing charge <u>of the device</u>

<u>using the application software</u> based on the ~~calculated~~ <u>respective</u> charges <u>calculated</u> by said

first and second calculation means.

Claim 5 (Original): The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the application software is

stored in said charge calculation apparatus.

Claim 6 (Original): The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the application software is

provided through a network.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A charge calculation method comprising:

a first calculation step of calculating a <u>software</u> charge for <u>performing a</u>

<u>predetermined process by</u> using application software, which is used to create and/or edit data

by a user operation;

a second calculation step of calculating a <u>device</u> charge for using an output

device, which <u>receives and</u> outputs <u>via a network</u> the data created and/or edited by the

application software; and

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a third calculation step of calculating ~~an output~~ a total charge of a data output

process based on the ~~calculated~~ respective charges calculated in said first and second

calculation step.

Claim 8 (Previously presented): The method according to claim 7, wherein the application

software creates and/or edits document data.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 7, wherein the ~~external~~ output

device comprises at least one of a printer, scanner, copying machine, server, facsimile

apparatus, and external storage device.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A charge calculation method comprising:

a first calculation step of calculating a device charge for using a device for

inputting or outputting data, wherein the device is used by a user via a network;

a second calculation step of calculating a software charge for using application

software used to use the device via the network; and

a third calculation step of calculating a data processing charge of the device

using the application software based on the ~~calculated~~ respective charges calculated in said

first and second calculation step.

Claim 11 (Original): The method according to claim 10, wherein the application software is

stored in a computer.

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Claim 12 (Original): The method according to claim 10, wherein the application software is provided through a network.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A computer-readable storage medium which stores program codes of a charge calculation method, comprising:

a code of a first calculation step of calculating a <u>software</u> charge for <u>performing a predetermined process by</u> using application software, which is used to create and/or edit data by a user operation;

a code of a second calculation step of calculating a <u>device</u> charge for using an output device, which <u>receives and</u> outputs <u>via a network</u> the data created and/or edited by the application software; and

a code of a third calculation step of calculating ~~an output~~ <u>a total</u> charge <u>of a</u> <u>data output process</u> based on the ~~calculated~~ <u>respective</u> charges <u>calculated</u> in said first and second calculation step.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A computer-readable storage medium which stores program codes of a charge calculation method, comprising:

a code of a first calculation step of calculating a <u>device</u> charge for using a device for inputting or outputting data<u>, wherein the device is used by a user via a network;</u>

a code of a second calculation step of calculating a <u>software</u> charge for using application software <u>used</u> to use the device <u>via the network;</u> and

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a code of a third calculation step of calculating a data processing charge <u>of the</u>

<u>device using the application software</u> based on the ~~calculated~~ <u>respective</u> charges <u>calculated in</u>

said first and second calculation step.

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